

National Summit

National Recovery & Employment Assistance Summit



*"If you have been wounded or injured serving this nation,
real people are going to meet you face-to-face with the
personalized help that you may need to recover and
to succeed in a career that you love."*

Secretary of Labor, Elaine L. Chao
to the soldiers and families at
Walter Reed Army Medical Center,
October 4, 2004



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A Call to Action:

To assure the recovery and success of returning wounded and injured service members

The Governor of Alabama and the U.S. Department of Labor, in response to the need for increased national collaboration among assistance networks, are hosting a national dialogue to highlight the issues, programs, and best practices employed at federal, state and community levels to assure the recovery and return to success of recently wounded, injured and disabled service members and their families

To establish national measures for collaboration

The purpose of this Summit is to ensure that wounded and injured service members and their families, who cannot return to active duty, are trained and equipped for rewarding new careers. The primary mechanism by which this objective is intended to be achieved, is through the establishment of a collaborative network and referral system that reduces barriers and streamlines access to federal, state and community assistance networks with the primary focus on a return to competitive and meaningful employment.

To build solutions across state lines and program boundaries

Participants in this national dialogue will include state Governors and their policy staff; workforce system directors; state directors of Veterans Affairs, Veterans employment and education programs; veteran service organizations; private sector organizations; military and defense agencies; and other federal and state partners that provide assistance related to the recovery, employment and reemployment of this population and those families and spouses affected by combat casualties.

A National Summit:

The Summit will cover two full days of interactive discussions and workshops to establish nationally accepted goals and rating criteria by which pathways to program collaboration may be established at the state and community level.

LOCATION: AUBURN UNIVERSITY HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER,
AUBURN, ALABAMA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20 - 21

ATTENDANCE: LIMITED TO 250

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WEB-CASTING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Find more information on speakers and topics at : <http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/Real-life/summit.htm>